

December Newsletter

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Dear Reader,

This month's featured author is **Patricia Cornwell**. Patricia Cornwell (born Patricia Carroll Daniels) is a contemporary American crime writer. She is widely known for writing a popular series of novels featuring the heroine Dr. Kay Scarpetta, a medical examiner. Her books have sold more than 100 million copies.

A descendant of abolitionist and writer Harriet Beecher Stowe, Cornwell was born on June 9, 1956 in Miami, Florida, second of three children, to Marilyn and Sam Daniels. Her father was one of the leading appellate lawyers in the United States and served as a law clerk to Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black. Cornwell later traced her own motivations in life to the emotional abuse she says she suffered from her father, who walked out on the family on Christmas Day 1961. She has said, "He was on his deathbed. We knew it was the last time we were seeing each other; he grabbed my brother's hand and mouthed 'I love you,' but he never touched me. All he did was write on a legal pad 'How's work?'"

1984 was a significant year for Cornwell- she began work on her first novel, about a male detective named Joe Constable and met Dr. Marcella Farinelli Fierro, a medical examiner in Richmond, and subsequent inspiration for the character of Dr. Kay Scarpetta. In 1985, she took a job at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of Virginia. She worked there for six years, first as a technical writer and then as a computer analyst. She also volunteered to work with the Richmond Police Department. Cornwell wrote three novels that she says were rejected before the publication, in 1990, of the first installment of her Scarpetta series, *Postmortem*, based on real-life stranglings in Richmond in the summer of 1987. The novel won her various awards including the British John Creasey Award, the French Prix du Roman d'Adventure and the American Edgar Award. Cornwell's latest novel is titled *Chaos*.



Wikipedia



Upcoming Events

United Health Care-

December 3, 2016 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Library Board Christmas Social

December 8, 2016 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Silver Sneakers – Members Only

December 9, 2016 11:30-1:00 p.m.

Food Handlers Class

December 12, 2016 6:00 p.m.

Mahjong Club

December 13, 2016 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Keep Aransas Beautiful

December 13, 2016 5:15-6:00 p.m.

Pre-Natal Wellness Class

December 15, 2016 9:30-12:30 p.m.

STSARS Anchor Program

Every Thursday 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Garden Club

No meeting this month

Movie Afternoon at the Library-

December 22, 2016 2:00 p.m.

Story Time –

Every Tuesday 9:00 a.m.&10:00 a.m.

Library Hours

Sunday – Closed

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, &

Friday - **8:30 am – 5:00 pm**

Wednesday **8:30 am – 7:00 pm**

Saturday – **11:00 am – 3:00 pm**

FYI –

***We still have our Coupon Exchange Program. So if you need coupons, please come visit the library.**

***We are also still collecting “box tops” for our schools. So if you have box tops, please drop them off to us.**

***Closed December 23rd – 26th for Christmas Holiday.**

Children's Corner



Mr. Kippy's Story Time every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. and 10 a.m.

New Titles in the Library

Adult Fiction

Chaos by Patricia Cornwell

Cross the Line by James Patterson

Turbo Twenty-Three by Janet Evanovich

Night School by Lee Child

Paris for One by Jojo Moyes

The Wrong Side of Goodbye by Michael Connelly

Young Adult/Junior Fiction

Tales from the Shadow Hunters Academy by Cassandra Clare

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Double Down by Jeff Kinney

Minecraft Hacks Command Blocks by Minecraft

Children's Book Review

Submitted by Waconda Clayworth

Do Like a Duck Does by Judy Hindley

Illustrated by Ivan Bates

A famous fable is about a fox in sheep's clothing. This tale is about a fox pretending to be a duck. Use the active watercolor-like pictures to understand 'scuttle, flop, scum, gulp, waddle and back up your guesses with the giant dictionary in the center of the library or the one near the World Book encyclopedias...There are also very good online dictionaries.

Armadillos by Steve Potts

Armadillos are found in both North and South America. When you read this book with near life size photos of these insect eating creatures you will find out where they live, what and how they eat and other important facts about them. And you can find out what their *carapace* is.

Cowboy Ned & Andy by David Ezra Stein

Andy is Ned's horse. Andy ventures through harsh places to find a birthday cake for Ned. How many time have you had to go hither and yon to find a gift?

OverDrive is Now Available!!

OverDrive is the leading global digital distribution platform, offering the industry's largest catalog of eBooks, audiobooks, music, streaming video and periodicals.



In the Library

Koha Online Catalog

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Reserve a Librarian

Need help with computers, job applications, resumes, laptops, and more. Reserve a librarian we are here to help.

TexShare Database

Library of Texas exclusive online resources for genealogy, business, health, and homework. Ask a librarian for information.

New Library Activities!

Don't Forget to Attend!

Every 4th Thursday of each month at 2:00 p.m., we will host an Afternoon Movie at the Library featuring a just released movie. This month's featured movie is **Ben Hur**.

Library Christmas Social

Everyone is invited to attend our annual Christmas Social on December 8th at 2:00 p.m. in our meeting room.

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